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In re Patent Application of:
Richard Derosé et al.

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For: MAIZE H3C4 PROMOTER COMBINED WITH
THE FIRST INTRON OF RICE ACTIN,
CHIMERIC GENE COMPRISING IT AND
TRANSFORMED PLANT

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

STATUS INQUIRY

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